

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

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James M. Casso 818 East Lucille Avenue West Covina, CA 91790

RE:

MUR 4749

Napolitano for Congress, et al.

Dear Mr. Casso:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on May 20, 1998, alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") by Napolitano for Congress, Grace Flores Napolitano, Frank Napolitano, Luigi A. Vernola, and Harvey Englander.

Based on that complaint, on March 10, 1999, the Commission found that there was no reason to believe: that Napolitano for Congress violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) with respect to its receipt of candidate loans; that Grace Flores Napolitano violated 2 U.S.C. § 439a with respect to the interest rate charged on one of the candidate loans; that Frank Napolitano violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) in connection with the making of candidate loans; or that Harvey Englander violated the Act with respect to this matter.

On the same date, the Commission found reason to believe: that Napolitano for Congress violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) with respect to its receipt of an excessive in-kind contribution from Luigi A. Vernola; and that Luigi A. Vernola violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) with respect to the making of the excessive in-kind contribution. After considering the circumstances, the Commission determined to take no further action against Napolitano for Congress or Luigi A. Vernola regarding this finding, and closed the file in this matter. At the same time, the Commission admonished Luigi A. Vernola and Napolitano for Congress for making and accepting excessive in-kind contributions.

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This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days. The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Knop

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Staff Member

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report